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Cover image: Nina Binkert presents the "Animal messengers" stamp that she designed, accompanied by her children.
Photo: Urs Graber

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Dear Reader

The world of stamps constantly surprises, astonishes and overwhelms us with all the wonders life has to offer.

This new issue is packed with discoveries that will delight stamp collectors and enthusiasts.

In an exclusive preview, find out about the "Swiss Post art collection" stamp, which is formed from a piece of white canvas. A unique and artistically extraordinary collector's item!

There are two treats for nature lovers: we visit four Swiss parks and some age-old trees, which are printed on special "Munken" paper. The majestic giant trees take us on a remarkable journey. It begins with the ancient larch, revered for its growth form, then moves on to the oak, famed for its wood, and the sycamore, a familiar sight throughout Switzerland, before ending with the evergreen Swiss stone pine – a symbol of resilience and durability.

The 19 Swiss parks of national importance are green spaces for relaxation and recreation. This issue is dedicated to the Jura Vaudois Nature Park, Parc Ela, the Argovia Jurapark and the Binntal Nature Park.

Finally, we invite animal lovers of all ages to rediscover the joy of writing letters or personal messages – with two stamps featuring extremely cute animal messengers that will delight both you and the recipient of your letter.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue. See you soon with more wonders from the world of stamps!

Maria Elena Rosa
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	1.00	Saint Nicholas
	1.50	Iffelen carriers
	2.00	Chlausezüüg
2	2.75	**Special stamps with surcharge** Pro Juventute – Children assume responsibility
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	1.00+0.50	Granddaughter
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	2.00	Education for girls
2	3.00	**Special stamps** 50 years Doctors Without Borders
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	2.00	Bandage
2	3.00	**Special stamps** Joint issue Switzerland–Thailand
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	2.00	Samed Nang Chee
1	1.50	**Miniature sheet** Stamp Day 2021 Horgen
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	0.50+0.25	Meilen
4	2.00	**Special stamps** Dominoes
	0.50	Violet
	0.50	Blue
	0.50	Red
	0.50	Green

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	TF/E	24–26.9	St Pölten, AT	Multilateral & ÖVEBRIA 2021
	F	30.9		Focus on stamps 4/2021: The Collector's Magazine
November	TF/E	4–7.11	Paris, FR	75th Salon Philatélique d'Automne
	I	11.11		**Issue date**
	SS+	25–27.11	Horgen, CH	Stamp Day 2021
	TF/E	26–28.11	Verona, IT	Veronafil 2021
December	SS+	9–10.12	Bern-Bethlehem, CH	Christmas branch

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Key

I	Issue date for stamps/postal stationery
F	Focus on stamps (stamp magazine)
TF/E	Trade fair/exhibition
SS	Sales stand
SS+	Sales stand with cancellation service

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A well-deserved second place

In last year's vote for the most beautiful EUROPA stamp, Swiss Post's entry achieved a well-deserved second place. You can vote again this year – and every vote counts!

The theme for 2020 was "Ancient postal routes". Swiss Post worked with Germany to create its entry, which depicted a route from 1627 printed across two stamps. The route was operated by the famous House of Thurn and Taxis and ran from Rheinhausen in Germany, passing through Basel and Zurich, before reaching Milan and Mantua (see Focus on stamps 2/20).

Once again this year, PostEurop, the Association of European Public Postal Operators, is running a competition to find the best EUROPA stamp design.

The resulting stamps are intended to promote cooperation in the postal sector – especially, of course, in the area of philately. The winner of the competition will be decided through an online vote.

This year's theme is "Endangered national wildlife". Switzerland has produced yet another beautiful entry, which features two filigree butterflies: the woodland brown and the scarce large blue (see Focus on stamps 2/21). Again, there are good chances of achieving a top ranking.

Jürg Glauser, designer of the EUROPA stamps (left), and Kurt Strässle, Partner Manager at Swiss Post (right), are delighted to receive second place in the vote for the most beautiful EUROPA stamp 2020. Photo: Designato, Ittigen, BE

Vote now
Voting for the best EUROPA stamp 2021 will be open from 9 May to 9 September. Why not join in? You can find the online vote at **www.posteurop.org/europa2021**.

Larch

Oak

Sycamore

Swiss stone pine

Trees

Trees can become quite ancient, often serving as companions to generations of people in the areas where they grow. Four of these living witnesses of time are honoured in a special stamp set. In keeping with the theme, the style is reminiscent of old engravings.

The 900-year-old larch shown on the 85-centime stamp can be found in Valais, beneath the Dent de Nendaz, at an altitude of around 2,000 metres. Its shape is typical of old larches: behind a thick trunk, a splendid umbel grows towards the valley, protected against rockfall.

The gnarled oak on the 1-franc stamp is not quite so old. It is located to the south of Delsberg and is called "Chêne des Bosses" – presumably because of its distinctive bumps. The tree is around 430 years old and has grown in a distinctive, unusual shape typical of solitary oaks. Its trunk is nine metres in circumference.

The trunk of one of the mightiest sycamores in the world is almost ten metres thick. The subject of the 150-centime stamp took root at an altitude of 1,200 metres, below the Stanserhorn. Despite the steep slope, the tree appears to have thrived in the open meadow for half a millennium.

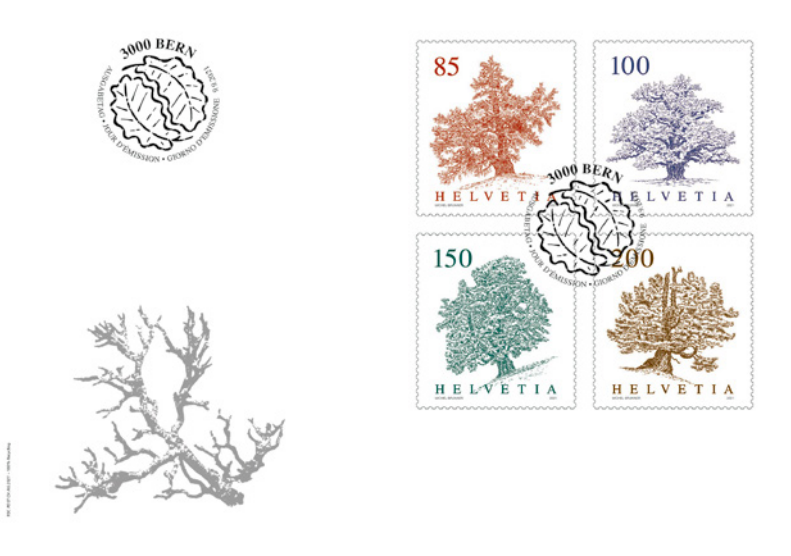
The special stamp with a value of two francs depicts a particularly rugged Swiss stone pine which settled 450 years ago on a small hill at around 2,000 metres above sea level – and even enjoys a view of the north face of the Eiger. Swiss stone pines have a viscous sap in their evergreen needles which provides protection against frost.

To enhance the intricacy of his illustrations, the designer avoided using too many colours, shades or environmental structures and opted for simplified images. This focuses the eye entirely on the trees, which provide more than enough detail with their many facets. Broken colours were used to highlight the simplicity.

Michel Brunner
Photo: Michel Brunner

Michel Brunner, who drew the "Tree" set, is a scientific illustrator, photographer and tree expert. He has been surveying and photographing old trees in Europe since 1997 and founded the "pro arbore" project (proarbore.com), the Swiss tree inventory. He is also the author of various nature books.

"Munken" stamp paper
Premium-quality, uncoated fine paper was used for these special stamps. "Munken" paper has exceptional surface qualities and resembles historic stamps. Like untreated wood, it seems to breathe, exuding warmth and earthiness.



Set on first-day cover E6

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Validity	Unlimited from 9.9.2021
Printing	Offset, 2-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 40×44 mm Sheet: 150×202 mm (4 rows of 3 stamps)
Paper	Munken special paper, PVA-gummed, 150 gm²
Perforation	13:13¼
Design	Michel Brunner, Zurich

Don't miss out: limited issue of 200 items

Art print on handmade paper

Art print

The four artistic tree designs are available in a limited issue of 200 items: offset in Pantone colours on Gmund handmade paper (250g/m²), with mount. Each of these numbered works of art bears the original signature of the artist Michel Brunner. The sheet size is 200 × 600 mm, the individual mount sections are 160 × 125 mm.
The product is supplied unframed. The selling price of 139 francs includes shipping costs within Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Unfortunately, deliveries cannot be made abroad.

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A363 150	A363 550	5.35
Set of blocks of four	A363 160	A363 560	21.40
Sheet of 12 stamps			
0.85 Larch	A363 111	A363 511	10.20
1.00 Oak	A363 112	A363 512	12.00
1.50 Sycamore	A363 113	A363 513	18.00
2.00 Swiss stone pine	A363 114	A363 514	24.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover E6		A363 580	6.35
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A363 600	8.95
Block of four on first-day cover E6 (4 covers)		A363 630	25.40
Unstamped covers			
C6 (162×114 mm)	A363 700		0.90
E6 (200×140 mm)	A363 701		1.00
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A363 640	A363 650	6.15
Art print on handmade paper			
Sheet size of 200×600 mm, landscape, signed on the back	A363 900		139.00
The art print is not supplied with the subscription.			

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Jura Vaudois Nature Park

Parc Ela

Argovia Jurapark

Binntal Nature Park

Swiss Parks

Switzerland has 19 parks of national significance. Swiss Post is dedicating stamps to four of these extraordinary Swiss regions – two in the Jura mountains and two in the Alps.

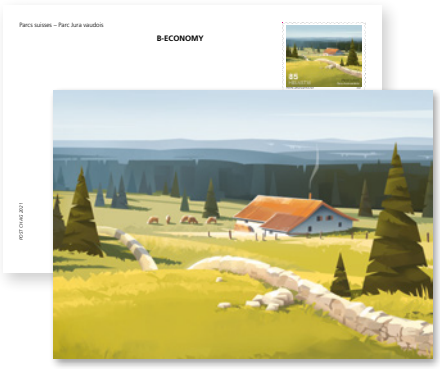
To present the most typical of Swiss landscapes in the most fitting way possible, Swiss Post worked closely with the umbrella association Swiss Parks Network. The stamps depict not just pristine nature, but also intact settlements and living traditions. Human presence is tangible: scenery is portrayed as cultural landscapes.

The splendid alpine hut in the wildly romantic landscape of the Jura Vaudois Nature Park, with its wooded pastures and drystone walls, represents both tourism and the artisan cheese-making characteristic of the alpine economy.

The Septimer Pass – a transport route to Italy that has been in use since Roman times – runs through Parc Ela. Today, it's a popular hiking trail. A Roman bridge to the south of the top of the pass is depicted.

In the Argovia Jurapark, a wonderfully hilly landscape rich in biodiversity can be found – a green treasure trove. The cherry trees, for example, are typical of the Frick Valley.

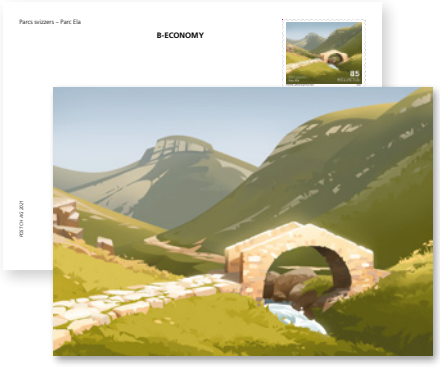
Finally, the Binntal Nature Park comprises six municipalities in Upper Valais. The park is famous for its delightful villages and hamlets with their chapels, barns and storehouses.



"Jura Vaudois Nature Park" postal card

Parks – added value for nature, society and the economy

The project that started out in 1914 with the Swiss National Park has now grown into a network encompassing 19 extraordinary regions, mainly in the (pre-)Alps and Jura mountains. There are four different categories: the Swiss National Park, national parks of new generation, regional nature parks and nature discovery parks. Swiss parks have clear goals and roles. They preserve and foster valuable cultural and natural landscapes. They strengthen the sustainable regional economy and promote education about sustainable development. They raise awareness amongst local residents and visitors of the region's special environmental, cultural, historical and economic features and promote these qualities.



"Parc Ela" postal card

Set on first-day cover C6

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Validity	Unlimited from 9.9.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 82×198 mm (open), 82×99 mm (folded), 5 rows of 2 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Pierre-Abraham Rochat, La Sarraz

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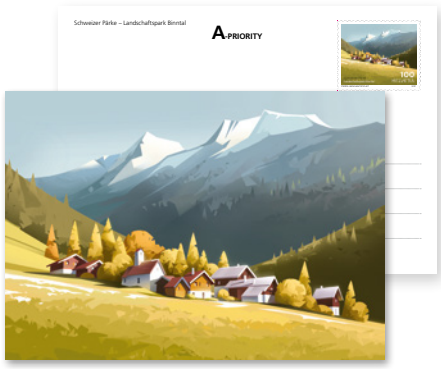
Lace up your hiking boots

As part of the partnership between the Swiss Hiking Trail Federation and Swiss Post, several particularly family-friendly hiking trail projects are supported each year, each of which would have been impossible to complete without financial support.
In 2019, the winners of Swiss Post's incentive award included two projects from Swiss Parks – one was the historic Chalm transport route in the Argovia Jurapark and the other the Lengtal trail in the Binntal Nature Park. Swiss Post is proud to contribute towards maintaining the wonderful Swiss tradition of hiking by providing the award. **swisspost.ch/foerderpreis-wandern**

"Argovia Jurapark" postal card



"Binntal Nature Park" postal card

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A364 150	A364 550	3.70
Set of blocks of four	A364 160	A364 560	14.80
Sheet of 10 stamps			
0.85 Jura Vaudois Nature Park	A364 361	A364 381	8.50
0.85 Parc Ela	A364 362	A364 382	8.50
1.00 Argovia Jurapark	A364 363	A364 384	10.00
1.00 Binntal Nature Park	A364 364	A364 383	10.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A364 580	4.60
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A364 600	7.30
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A364 630	18.40
Unstamped cover C6	A364 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A364 640	A364 650	4.50
Postal stationery			
Postal cards, face value and CHF 1.00 for the card			
Jura Vaudois Nature Park (0.85+1.00)	A364 842	A364 847	1.85
Parc Ela (0.85+1.00)	A364 843	A364 848	1.85
Argovia Jurapark (1.00+1.00)	A364 844	A364 849	2.00
Binntal Nature Park (1.00+1.00)	A364 845	A364 850	2.00
Set of all four cards	A364 841	A364 846	7.70

Owl

Fox

Animal messengers

The two "Animal messengers" special stamps aim to encourage people of all ages to take the time to write personal greetings and send them by letter mail. The stamps are adorned with cheerful illustrations and speech bubbles, which can be coloured and filled in. When affixed to a letter, they show appreciation for the recipients.

Featured are two animals delivering messages in very different ways. The owl – a wise and poetic animal – is gently riding the waves in a paper boat and delivering its message by water. The design focuses on the theme of harnessing the power of nature and subtly encourages us to reflect on what might be written on the paper. A peaceful and composed image.

The fox is portrayed as a sly animal full of energy. At breakneck speed and full of curiosity, he flies through outer space in his self-constructed rocket.

The vibrant, brightly coloured design serves as a creative prompt for us to reflect on our existence and its possibilities and limits.

The graphic artist Nina Binkert is familiar with the topic of card-writing, as she also illustrates greeting cards for her own label. Using watercolours, drawing ink and a variety of materials, she produces dreamy, lovingly-created designs inspired by everyday life and items found in second-hand shops.

"Owl" card set

"Fox" card set

Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 2.9.2021 to 30.9.2022 or while stocks last Branches: from 9.9.2021 to 30.9.2022 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 9.9.2021
Printing	Offset, 5-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamp 0.85 Owl: 33×28 mm Stamp 1.00 Fox: 28×33 mm Sheetlet: 210×115 mm (2 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¼:13½ and 13½:13¼
Design	Nina Binkert, Eglisau

Sheetlet of 8 stamps

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A362 150	A362 550	1.85
Set of blocks of four	A362 160	A362 560	7.40
Sheetlet of 8 stamps 0.85 Owl 1.00 Fox	 A362 311 A362 312	 A362 351 A362 352	 6.80 8.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A362 580	2.75
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A362 600	3.65
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A362 630	9.20
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5 "Owl"		A362 591	8.00
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5 "Fox"		A362 592	9.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets C6 (162×114 mm) C5 (229×162 mm)	 A362 700 A362 701		 0.90 1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A362 640	A362 650	2.65
Card set with envelopes and stamps			
"Owl" card set 4 cards to paint, 4 envelopes and 1 sheetlet of 8 stamps at CHF 0.85	A362 951		12.60
"Fox" card set 4 cards to paint, 4 envelopes and 1 sheetlet of 8 stamps at CHF 1.00	A362 952		13.80
The card sets are not supplied with the subscription.			

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Special stamp

Swiss Post art collection

Swiss Post's commitment to art

A blank canvas? Isn't there a design missing? What is Swiss Post trying to tell us with this special stamp – which is undoubtedly the right name for it? The answer to the puzzle is as striking as it is obvious.

Canvas is the classic backcloth for paintings and, as such, has come to symbolize art in general. Because it's blank, it represents art not yet created – perhaps due to a lack of funding. Swiss Post has been promoting and collecting contemporary art since 1924. The collection that it has put together comprises around 400 works and a nationwide portfolio of art in architecture pieces.

In 2020, a new art strategy was devised. The new commitment to art is based on three spheres: the art collection, art in architecture and a partnership with art events in the periphery. Swiss Post plays a pioneering role when it comes to corporate art collections and promoting culture in Switzerland – and that's exactly what the new special stamp set aims to raise awareness of. The first in the series is this stamp dedicated to Swiss Post's traditional art collection.

Switzerland has never had a stamp made purely of canvas before. That's why a making-of film was also produced for this very special stamp.

Find out more fascinating background information on Swiss Post's commitment to art and how the canvas stamp was created. Scan the code now.

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Single stamp on first-day cover C6

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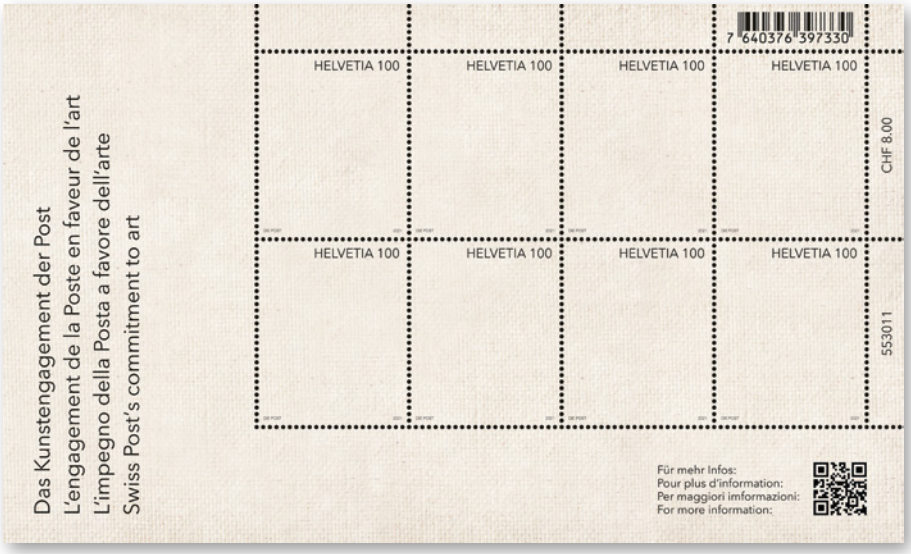
Validity	Unlimited from 9.9.2021
Printing	Offset, 1-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 32.5×40 mm Sheetlet: 192×115 mm (2 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	Canvas on backing paper, self-adhesive, 220 gm²
Perforation	13¼
Design	Stamp design: Swiss Post Ltd Design of FDC and postmark: Amadeus Waltenspühl



Sheetlet of 8 stamps. Scan the printed QR code with a smartphone to find out fascinating information about the canvas stamp.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A365 150	A365 550	1.00
Block of four	A365 160	A365 560	4.00
Sheetlet of 8 stamps	A365 311	A365 351	8.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A365 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A365 630	4.90
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A365 590	9.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets			
C6 (162×114 mm)	A365 700		0.90
C5 (229×162 mm)	A365 701		1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A365 640	A365 650	1.80

Miniature sheet

Swiss inventions – Menzi Muck

When you think of Swiss inventions, an excavator probably isn't the first thing that springs to mind. But when he invented the Menzi Muck, Ernst Menzi from the Rhine Valley actually created his own new category of machine – the walking excavator.

Walking excavators feature a chassis fitted with spider-like legs to which both wheels and stabilizers can be attached. This means that walking excavators can be used on rough terrain that is very difficult or almost impossible to access. Ernst Menzi (1897–1984) designed the first machine of this kind in 1966. He named his invention after the fairy-tale character Little Muck.

Since its invention, the Menzi Muck has been refined on a continual basis. Nowadays, a wide variety of high-tech excavators are available. At the company premises in the Rhine Valley in St. Gallen, every machine is configured by the innovative engineering team to correspond perfectly to each customer's requirements.

The special stamp shows a Menzi Muck in action on challenging terrain. Various wheel and excavator positions are also depicted. A special varnish granulate is used for the miniature sheet, which illustrates the stony terrain to impressive effect.

"Menzi Muck" is the first in the new annual miniature sheet set named "Swiss inventions", which will pay tribute to five different subjects.

Maximum card

Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6

Technical information	
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Validity	Unlimited from 9.9.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour, and granulate-thermography layer; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 73×56 mm Miniature sheet: 105×70 mm
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¼:12¾
Design	Jürg Glauser, Bern

1966: The world's first walking excavator was produced by Ernst Menzi in the Rhine Valley. Source: Menzi Muck AG

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Miniature sheet	A367 315	A367 815	2.00
Covers			
Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6		A367 580	3.00
Covers without miniature sheet C6 (162×114 mm) E6 (200×140 mm)	 A367 700 A367 701		 0.90 1.00
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A367 640	A367 650	2.80
Maximum card			
Picture postcard A6, with the stamp design from the "Swiss inventions – Menzi Muck" miniature sheet at CHF 2.00 (plus CHF 1.00 for the card). Cancelled with the first-day cancellation.		A367 851	3.00
Picture postcard			
The maximum card design is also available without an affixed and cancelled stamp.	A367 911		1.00

Special sheet
with surcharge

Helvetia 2022 World Stamp Exhibition

After almost 50 years, the time has finally come again: next year, Switzerland will host HELVETIA 2022, a world philately exhibition, from 18 to 22 May. The splendid city of Lugano, which is also very popular abroad, will host the event.

The long period of time that has elapsed since INTERNABA 1974 in Basel is not the only reason for the choice for 2022. There's also a philatelic reason: the legendary "Sitzende Helvetia", issued for 20 years in countless postage values, was first launched in 1862 – no less than 160 years ago.

The Club Filatelico Lugano, which is responsible for the idea of HELVETIA 2022, has an organizational committee with the expertise and exhibition experience required. A specialist event is to be held. This means that not all classes will be on display, but only proven themes, such as traditional philately, postal history and design exhibits.

The Association of Swiss Philately Societies and the organizational committee hope the event will be well attended and prove a major philatelic attraction that will also give foreign visitors the opportunity to enjoy a few wonderful days in Switzerland.

The stamp surcharge will go to the Foundation for the Promotion of Philately.

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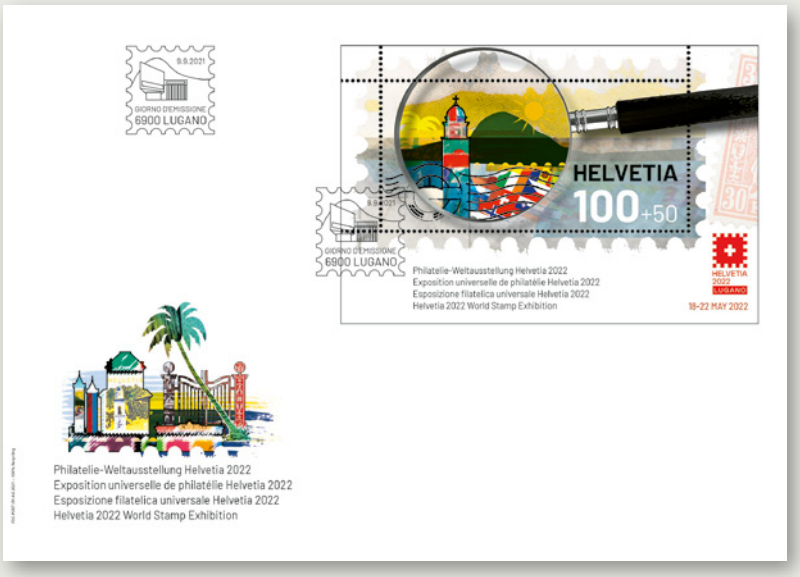
Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Special sheet with surcharge (1.00+0.50)	A366 315	A366 815	1.50
Covers			
Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6		A366 580	2.50
Covers without miniature sheet C6 (162×114 mm) E6 (200×140 mm)	 A366 700 A366 701		 0.90 1.00
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A366 640	A366 650	2.30



Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 2.9.2021 to 30.9.2022 or while stocks last Branches: from 9.9.2021 to 30.9.2022 or while stocks last (on sale at stamp counters only)
Validity	Unlimited from 9.9.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 76×38 mm Miniature sheet: 105×70 mm
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	12
Design	Frank Baumann, Belp

Postage stamp fund

A cultural festival exploring mortality

At the end of May, the "Kulturbande" association launched the first Switzerland-wide interdisciplinary cultural festival on a subject that nobody likes to talk about – death. The festival was jointly financed by Swiss Post's postage stamp fund for cultural and social activities.

It's feared, hushed up and swept under the carpet – many people simply don't know how to talk about death. Yet our existence is finite and our demise inevitable. At the first Switzerland-wide festival dedicated to death, the "Kulturbande" – an association and network for Zurich-based artists and creatives – invited guests to say "hello" to death. From 25 to 30 May 2021, festival-goers explored every facet of mortality, grief and death – either on-site in Zurich or online. Creatives and artists from music, literature, dance, theatre, film, the visual arts and design took part in over 50 events. The "Kulturbande" sought to adopt a new, creative approach to death and enable direct dialogue about the topic through the "Hello, Death!" festival. "It was an extremely courageous and ambitious project which proved a resounding success!" reveals a delighted Andrea Keller, the person behind "Hello, Death!". She added: "There was a wonderful response – encouraging, inspiring and satisfying."

Postage stamp fund supports cultural and social projects

Swiss Post's postage stamp fund has been supporting cultural and social projects for over 70 years – which now also includes the organizers of the "Hello, Death!" festival. By issuing special stamps with a surcharge, Swiss Post directly supports leading organizations such as Pro Patria and Pro Juventute with fundraising and conveying their messages. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the special stamps with surcharge also go to this postage stamp fund. The funding is then allocated to a wide variety of cultural and social projects. The postage stamp fund is part of Swiss Post's corporate citizenship initiative and a demonstration of its social commitment.

The "Kulturbande" invited artists to explore the taboo subject of death in a creative fashion. Photos: Claudia Herzog

Multilateral set

EUROPA – Endangered national wildlife

This folder contains ten original 2021 EUROPA stamps from the countries of Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland. It also contains information about the endangered wildlife and their habitats. The joint product is available in German only.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Multilateral set			
Joint product	A356 991		24.90

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Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 3/2021

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The single stamp, sets and miniature sheets in the 3/2021 issue are displayed on a free A5 backing card and protected with cellophane wrapping.	A369 150	A369 550	15.40
Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 3/2021			
The first-day covers with the single stamp, sets and miniature sheets in the 3/2021 issue are combined in one free cover.		A369 580	21.10
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Representing a valuable record of our times, the year book presents all Swiss stamps and first-day cancellations for 2020, along with an exclusive black print, on over 100 pages in four languages (de/fr/it/en). The "COVID-19 Solidarity" commemorative stamp is not included in the year book.	A333 830		69.00
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All Swiss stamps for 2020, clearly laid out on four handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve. The "COVID-19 Solidarity" commemorative stamp is not included in the year set.	A335 320	A335 820	60.60
2020 year set with first-day covers (FDC)			
All the year's first-day covers – including the single stamps, sets or miniature sheets with the respective first-day cancellations.		A335 530	86.90

2022 stamp catalogues	Item no.	Price in CHF
Zumstein		
Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva 2022, German/French	A368 725	35.00
Swiss stamp catalogue		
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